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Summary of the January 1954 Monthly Narrative Report
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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BLISTER RUST:	New storage room finished & in use. Pickup body being fixed to haul crew. Spray gun repairs.	[illegible]
TRAILS:	Special oil for trail maintenance chain saws.	[illegible]
CORRAL & RANCH:	Horse & mule care. Some sold. Horses brought to Mammoth for elk hazing. Buffalo hides tanned for repairing leather. Condie repairing saddles, etc.	[illegible]
ACCIDENTS:	1 vehicle accident. 2 broke legs skiing.	[illegible]
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	1 case hunting in park. FBI men in. Stolen car found in park.	[illegible]
DEATHS:	Thomas M. Thompson, Painter Foreman, died of heart attack.	[illegible]
MARRIAGES:	A. Irene Minish & John E. Voss; William Daugherty & Elaine Harrison; Wm. S. Chapman Jr. & Loretta Lee.	[illegible]
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February 8, 1954

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for January 1954

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of January 1954:

Weather Conditions. Temperatures were considerably lower than those recorded for January 1953 and more nearly in line with past averages. Almost all precipitation occurred in the form of snow, but the morning of the 29th was foggy when a cool moist air mass moved over the Mammoth area. A total snowfall of 39.25" of snow was recorded at headquarters. The maximum temperature of 45° was recorded for Mammoth on the 6th and 30th and the minimum of -18° on the 20th. Nine days of above freezing maximum temperatures were recorded and four days of below zero minimum temperatures were recorded. Total precipitation for the month was 1.99".

Snow depths as of January 31 for various stations in the park were: Mammoth 12", Tower Fall 16", Lamar 14", Northeast Entrance 35", Lake 35", Snake River 51", West Yellowstone 40", all of which were slightly above the previous seven years average with the exception of Tower Fall which was slightly below. Other snow depths taken at the end of the month were Canyon 42", Continental Divide (South of West Thumb) 67", Aster Creek 81", Lewis River Divide 105", Coulter Meadow 60", Cascade Cabin 75".

Yellowstone Lake froze over completely on the 11th.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers was on assignment in Denver throughout the month in connection with his project on the legislative history of areas administered by the National Park Service. On January 21 and 22 he attended the road maintenance meeting of National Park Service and Bureau of Public Roads officials in Denver.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton and Park Engineer Wohlbrandt departed January 20 for Denver to attend the road maintenance meeting January 21 and 22 of National Park Service and Bureau of Public Roads officials, returning to the park January 25.

Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman attended a meeting January 4 of the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce on the reopening of the elk season in the Gallatin area.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson left January 9 for Omaha on work on current construction plans for Grand Teton and continued on to Washington before the end of the month for couple weeks assignment before returning to Omaha and to Yellowstone in February.

Park Naturalist Condon departed January 16 for Omaha to review work on the Interpretive Development Outline of the park in the Regional Office. He returned the evening of January 30.

Advice was received that Administrative Assistant Joffe together with Superintendent Canfield of Rocky Mountain had been selected to represent Region Two on a planning committee to meet in the Washington Office beginning February 8 to work out the program for the 1954 Superintendents' Conference.

Harry Reynolds, Supervisory Park Ranger, was on annual leave beginning January 6 to make a trip down the Snake River from Moran, Wyoming, to Alpine, Idaho, with Dr. F. B. Craighead to obtain information and movies for the Department of Defense, and returned on the 11th.

The Yellowstone Park Safety Committee for 1954 was appointed January 14 and comprises the same membership as that for 1953, as follows: Robert R. Robinson, Chairman; Dwight E. Richards, Clerk; Thomas F. Ela and Melvin A. Thuring, Members; and J. Stanley Fillmore and W. Verde Watson, Alternates.

The Board of Survey for Yellowstone National Park and coordinated areas for the 1954 calendar year was appointed January 25, as approved by the Region Two Office January 19, as follows: Philip H. Wohlbrandt, Chairman; Gene F. McLeod, Clerk; Roger H. Miller and Otto M. Brown, Members; and Thomas K. Garry and Howard S. Kocher, Alternate Members. The Board consists of the same employees as for 1953 except that the present Alternates replace Joseph Joffe and Deate T. White who had previously served in that capacity.

The Local Civil Service Board conducted an examination for Stenographer-Typist on January 26. Payroll Supervisor Hotchkiss conducted the examination and there was one competitor.

<u>Inspections</u>. Robert G. Hall, Assistant Regional Director, and Francis R. Roberson, Architect, Region Two, in January 5 for conference on radio system and architectural design for concession buildings, departing January 7. John W. Jay, Superintendent, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, in January 1 on return from visit in Utah and Colorado. Gene Sherman, District Supervisor, Montana Game and Fish Commission, Bozeman, in January 2 to confer on

elk management program. Frank Oberhansley, Superintendent; Paul Judge, Chief Ranger; and Donald L. Bressler, Chief Engineer, Grand Teton, in January 5 for meeting on radio development; left January 7. Frank Graves, Director, Game and Fish Commission, Reno, Nevada, in January 11 to receive antelope for release in State of Nevada; left January 13. Kenneth F. Roahen, U. S. Game Management Agent, Fish and Wildlife Service, Billings, in January 20 to assist in elk movements; left January 28. Dr. John Craighead, Leader of Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Montana State University, Missoula, in January 21 to park and Gardiner area with Montana State Fish and Game men in connection with elk studies, departing 25th. Elmer M. Fladmark, Chief Ranger, and Anthony D. Cannavina, Assistant Chief Ranger, Glacier, in January 23 to observe helicopter haze elk; left January 25. Boyd Richens and James Valder of Teton in January 29 to get Snogo and left following day.

Publicity. A press release was mailed January 8 on Yellowstone travel for the 1953 calendar year.

A total of 6,600 Yellowstone broadsides for 1953 remained on hand at the end of January.

A press release was prepared January 28 on bear damages and injuries for use by the Regional Office.

Maintenance. There were numerous light snows and high winds during the month. Snow depths are approaching normal for the immediate area. Snow plowing and sanding were almost continuous. It was also necessary to spend some additional time in keeping the roads plowed out to the elk traps. It was necessary to use the rotary plows and dozer to remove some of the larger drifts in the Mammoth area. One of the cast iron guard rail posts on the Yellowstone River bridge at Tower Fall was broken and was quite a major job to remove and repair. The maintenance crew during any spare time are cleaning some of the metallic signs and mounting a few on concrete bases. All maintenance work is being handled by the three permanent employees and one wage board operator. A new Austin-Western grader was received during the month. Snow has drifted all the way to Cooke this year. Drifting beyond Pebble Creek is quite unusual.

Construction. All construction projects are closed down for the winter except Account 231.01, Replace Heating Plant, Building No. 18, Mammoth Hospital. This project is about 90% complete.

Concessioners. Dr. George Gilman, Resident Physician, returned to the park January 4 from a 2-weeks vacation trip in California.

The Annual Report for the Yellowstone Park Company for the year ended September 30, 1953, was received and transmitted to the Washington and Regional Offices January 14.

Fred Willson, Yellowstone Park Company Architect, Bozeman, was in the park January 6 to discuss Yellowstone Park Company plans with officials of that Company, Messrs. Hall and Roberson from the Regional Office and Yellowstone officials.

Joe Bill, Yellowstone Park Company Printer, returned January 13 from several weeks vacation in the East.

On January 13 the schedule of rates for stores, soda fountains and cafeterias for Hamilton Stores, Inc. was approved by Assistant Director Allen, to remain in effect until changes approved by the National Park Service.

Huntley Child, Vice-President, Yellowstone Park Company, left Yellowstone for Seattle, La Jolla and San Francisco January 20 and will attend the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners meeting in San Francisco February 1 and 2, expecting to return to the park about March 1.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes were at Mammoth January 26 from their winter headquarters at Bozeman, Montana.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The Yellowstone National Park Chapel was used each Sunday during January for the regular Sunday School services at 10:30 a.m. The Chapel was also used for the Youth Fellowship meetings at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th and 24th. The evening church service, which was scheduled for the 24th, was cancelled.

Interpretive Services. There were no interpretive services rendered in Yellowstone Park but the Chief Park Naturalist gave talks while he was on assignment in the Regional Office. On January 21, he presented a talk to the Regional Office personnel on the large mammals of Yellowstone and on the 27th, he presented a talk to this same group on geysers, hot springs, and other water resources of Yellowstone. On January 26, at 2:00 p.m., he presented a talk to the Dundee School fifth and sixth grade groups and at this time he presented the Yellowstone Park movie "Wild Animal Heaven" and gave the school children considerable information on the wild life resources of Yellowstone. There were 250 children at this program.

The 16mm motion picture "Wild Animal Heaven" was shown at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to a church men's group of 25 people on the 29th and to an audience of 85 at the Big Tree Lodge on the 30th.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Park Naturalist Elmore devoted a major part of his time during the month to the continued preparation of the plans for the revision of exhibits at Old Faithful Museum and five sets of these plans were submitted through the Regional Office to the Museum Branch in Washington, as follows: 1. What is a geyser?, 2. Hot areas of Yellowstone, 3. Getting the most from your

visit, 4. Geyser areas outside of the United States, and 5. Borehole investigations.

While on assignment in Omaha, a conference was held on January 27, in Assistant Regional Director McLaughlin's office with Regional Historian Mattes, Regional Naturalist Swartzlow, Park Naturalist Jepson of Teton, and Chief Park Naturalist Condon present. The major point under discussion was the authenticity of the Colter stone, the Lewis and Clark stone, and the Cap Hunt stone. The Colter stone is on exhibit at Teton's Jenny Lake Museum and the Cap Hunt stone is on exhibit at the Madison Museum, Yellowstone Park. The authenticity of the stones has been questioned by some historians and it was decided, after reviewing the matter thoroughly, that it would be desirable to remove these particular articles from public exhibit and retain them in accession storage pending further development with respect as to whether or not they are authentic or just hoax material. The Cap Hunt stone will be removed from the Madison Museum before the beginning of the 1954 travel season.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon prepared four suggested exhibit plans for exhibits which would illustrate phases of the wildlife policy of the National Park Service. These plans for proposed exhibits were submitted to the Director's Office.

Natural History Association. Mrs. Alice Quist served as clerk for the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association for 32 hours and completed the 1953 negative record and file and has begun filing the 1953 prints in the photograph albums. Book sales for the month were $10.80. The Association, during the month, arranged to purchase the balance of the book stock on hand of the publication The Story of Man in Yellowstone by M. D. Beal. There were 1,500 books involved in this purchase and they are expected to arrive in Yellowstone early in February. On January 13, the committee appointed for studying the proposed revision of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and the possibility of incorporating it under Montana laws met at U. S. Commissioner Brown's office. The Committee is composed of James Brown, Otto Brown and David de L. Condon. At the month's close, a draft of the proposed constitution and incorporation papers was being completed.

Research and Observation. Park Naturalists Condon, Watson and Elmore observed and photographed the antelope trapping and elk drives during the month, some of which observations and pictures are included in the monthly report of their division.

While in the Region Two Office Park Naturalist Condon was fortunate enough to have Regional Historian Merrill Mattes and Regional Archeologist Paul Baubain review Wayne Replogle's manuscript on the "Great Bannock Trail" and the valuable and constructive criticism given on the manuscript should make it possible to complete a very fine publication.

At the same time, Mr. James Cole, Regional Biologist, reviewed the manuscript for publication "The Reptiles and Amphibians of Yellowstone" which is being prepared by Frederick Turner.

In-Service Training. A general staff meeting of division heads was held in the Superintendent's office January 14.

The Yellowstone Weekly News was issued each Thursday during the month to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of park happenings.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 891 visitors in 267 vehicles entered the park this month as compared with 893 persons in 262 vehicles for the same month last year. Included within this total was nine trips made by snowplanes into the interior of the park with a total of 17 passengers.

Ranger Service. The Protection Division spent the bulk of its time on wildlife activities such as elk drives, elk and antelope trapping, and buffalo reduction. Included were a number of meetings with officials of other agencies in which those activities were discussed and programmed. Rangers at outlying stations carried on regular winter assignments including patrols and snow studies and reports and those at West Entrance also assisted in the Gallatin area during the short period when the elk hunting season was reopened as did Rangers Way and Murphy from headquarters. Patrols were made in the Gardiner area when it was reopened to hunting after the 20th. Patrols were made from South Gate to Cascade Cabin and from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful. Other activities included preparation of annual travel report for press release, ranger annual reports, return of remaining lost and found articles to finders, some rewriting of job descriptions, correspondence, outlining of four trail trips for explorer scouts, law enforcement studies, apprehension of hunter in park, reports, etc.

Wildlife Activities. ANTELOPE. Considerable effort was made by the Montana Fish and Game Department and National Park Service to trap and remove 370 antelope from the lower Yellowstone range in line with the reduction plan. This was done by both aerial and ground hazing. The animals became wary of the trap and the operation was finally terminated when repeated attempts to catch more animals failed. Total removal was 207 animals and disposition was as follows: State of Nevada 131, State of North Dakota 58, August LaLouette, rancher from the State of Kansas, 13, and five killed by injury.

BEARS. A summary of bear incidents for 1953 was prepared January 21 by Biologist Kittams and showed 43 injuries, slightly in excess of the 40 for 1952, all but one of which was attributed to black bears, were rather minor and involved park visitors, the exception occurring near Mammoth with species of bear unidentified and resulted in hospitalization of a park employee, Park Engineer

Gordon Cummings, for treatment of numerous lacerations and bruises after being badly mauled when he encountered a bear in the dark when returning from a fishing trip. The 66 damages were mostly to visitors' property, food apparently tempting bears in two-thirds of incidents, and grizzlies probably being responsible for less than 10% of damages. Ten black bears and one grizzly were shot and two young grizzlies shipped to an Omaha zoo for control. Twelve other black bears and one grizzly are known to have died due to other causes, mostly automobile accidents.

BUFFALO REDUCTION. Twenty-two buffalo were trapped at the Crystal Creek elk trap during the month. These animals were killed and turned over to the Blackfeet Indians from Browning, Montana, the meat to be used in Indian schools and hospitals. Three buffalo which were interfering with elk trapping operations were killed at Lamar and butchered for use in the Government mess hall.

BISON CENSUS. An aerial census of bison was conducted on January 25 with Biologist Kittams making the count, and resulted in a total of 1,477 with 663 in Hayden Valley, 461 at Pelican, 195 in Firehole area and 158 in Lamar area.

ELK REDUCTION. A third elk hunting season was held in the Gallatin area between January 9 and 17, the desired harvest being 500 animals. The season was closed by the State of Montana when between 250 and 300 elk had been taken because the area had been virtually cleared of elk and considerable public opposition developed. On January 20 the season reopened for the Northern Yellowstone elk herd in Park County, Montana, and is expected to remain open until February 15. As of the close of January 30 only 209 had been checked through the Corwin Springs Checking Station.

Several attempts were made by the Montana Fish and Game Commission and Park Service to haze elk out of the park into the hunting area in Montana by means of plane, horseback, weasel, helicopter and pyrotechnics with very little success.

Eighty-nine elk were trapped during January and turned over to the State of Montana for restocking in that state or transporting to hunting areas outside the park.

RANGE. According to observations by Biologist Kittams, early in the month the entire range was snow covered. Even though snowfall for the month was above normal, nearly all of the critical range was devoid of snow at the end of January. Wind removed snow from much of the critical range and packed that on much of the non-critical, open-typed range. During the two warm periods snow on the critical range melted and alternate thawing and freezing formed a crust on other portions of the range. Considerable utilization of forage on critical range occurred and by the end of the period most elk were feeding on snow-free sectors. Probably this early use of forage on critical range will accentuate the usual shortage of forage in late winter.

Forest Fire Protection. Assistant Fire Chief Nelson spent considerable time writing standards for GS-3 and GS-4 Fire Control Aids, and also rewriting the job description for the fire cache supervisor's job.

Blister Rust Control. The new blister rust storage and work room in the Mammoth Barn was completed and all supplies and equipment moved from the old storeroom in the storehouse. Seats and bows for a canvas cover were installed in the 3/4 ton Ford pickup truck I-12155. Triggers for Hi-Fog guns were sent to the factory for rebuilding.

Trails. A shipment of non-detergent oil was received to be used in the operation of trail maintenance chain saws. It is hoped that the present heavy maintenance and repair cost will be materially reduced by the use of this type oil.

Corral and Ranch Operation. The horse and mule herd was fed hay throughout the entire month. Young horses were given further training and gentling. Two mules with crooked front feet were again fitted with corrective shoes. On January 8 seven horses and two mules were sold to Walter Pressley, Livingston, for $17.50 each. They were of no further use to the Service. On January 14 ten saddle horses were shod with neverslip shoes and made ready to be used in an attempt to drive elk out of the park, eight of the horses were trucked from the Lamar Unit and two were already in the Mammoth District. Four of these horses were returned to the Lamar Unit on the 20th and five more on the 26th. At the end of the month only one horse remained in the Mammoth District.

Three buffalo hides were sent to a tannery to be made into latigo leather to be used in repairing our own equipment.

Packer Foreman Condie spent the entire month repairing and rebuilding saddles, halters, bridles, etc.

Accidents and Public Safety. One non-injury motor vehicle accident was reported with minor damages to the two vehicles involved. Snow and ice conditions contributed to the cause of the mishap.

Thomas Harris of Gardiner, Montana, and Dr. George Gilman, resident physician at Mammoth, both sustained broken legs while skiing on the Undine Falls ski hill. Mr. Harris' accident occurred on the 13th and Dr. Gilman's on the 16th.

Law Enforcement. Leonard G. Janson of Butte, Montana, was apprehended on January 10 by park rangers and charged with possession of firearms and hunting within the park. The offender was observed firing his rifle several times unsuccessfully at a band of elk in the Daly Creek drainage in the Gallatin area. Janson pleaded guilty before the U. S. Commissioner on the following day and was fined $50.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents Fred Bussett and Mason Melvin visited the park on the 27th in regard to law enforcement matters. Mr. Melvin of the Butte office has been specially assigned to assist in the investigation of crimes occurring in the park.

District Ranger Bauman reported on January 19 a truck stranded on the Slough Creek road 1½ miles north of the mail box. According to Hank Reynolds at Silvertip Ranch just outside the park the truck was left there before December 15. Upon calling Livingston the following day it was learned the truck belonged to the W. J. Kinnick Lumber Company and had been stolen in Late November. Mr. Kinnick contacted the local authorities and an investigation by them and the F. B. I. is pending.

Deaths. Thomas M. ("Tut") Thompson, 58, Painter Foreman, died of a heart attack shortly after reaching home from work on January 25. Mr. Thompson was born at Laredo, Missouri, January 21, 1896, came to the park in 1923 and worked as a painter for the Yellowstone Park Company until 1929. He was employed that year with the National Park Service as a painter and had served continuously with our Service here as a painter, master painter and painter foreman. Full Masonic funeral services were held in Livingston January 29 and military honors were accorded at the graveside by Park Post No. 23, American Legion, of Livingston. Pallbearers were Howard Kocher, William Olson, Thomas Bowman, George McMullin, J. Stanley Fillmore and Roger Miller. Burial was in Mountain View Cemetery. A large number attended the funeral and the Mammoth Grade School was dismissed in the afternoon so the teachers could attend. The plans of Mrs. Carrie Thompson are not known by us at this time but she is spending several days at least with her brother and his wife in Billings.

Marriages. A. Irene Minish, Telephone Operator, and John E. Voss, former seasonal Storekeeper, were married January 4 at Vancouver, Washington.

William Daugherty, Assistant Manager of the Lodge Division of the Yellowstone Park Company, and Elaine Harrison, former reservations clerk at Mammoth, were married at Las Vegas, Nevada, January 12.

William S. Chapman, Jr., son of Assistant Chief Ranger and Mrs. William S. Chapman, and former seasonal Fire Control Aid, now attending Montana State College, and Loretta Lee of Bozeman, Montana, were married in Bozeman January 22 in the Chapel of the Presbyterian Church with Rev. Paul McGleve performing the ceremony.

Personnel. Donald G. Kern, Park Ranger, GS-5, resigned at the close of January 2 to further his education in electrical engineering at Montana State College.

Chief Ranger Otto M. Brown left January 16 on military leave for Camp Hale, Colorado, for two weeks military training.

Wilbur R. Thomas, Storekeeper (General), GS-3 in the garage, resigned at the close of January 8, expecting to go into the restaurant business in Gardiner following a visit in the Southeast.

Mrs. Betty Jane Thomas, seasonal Clerk-Typist, was terminated at the close of January 8.

Miscellaneous. The January meeting of Local 465 of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held in the Canteen the evening of January 4 and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Frank Mattson, President; Otto M. Brown, Vice-President; Helen Tracy, Secretary; Evelyn Miller, Treasurer; Fred Nissen, Guard; Clarence Scoyen, John Galle, Melvin Thuring, Stanley McComas and Ray Easton, Directors.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held in the Canteen the evening of January 11.

The annual meeting of the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union was held in the Canteen January 19 and the following officers were elected: Board of Directors: Alice Kohout and Edward Schultz, elected for two years; Thomas Garry, one year, J. Stanley Fillmore (Secretary-Treasurer) reelected for one year; Philip Wohlbrandt hold-over from last year. Supervisory Committee: Charles Moore, Melvin Thuring and Thomas Somerville. Credit Committee: John Galle, two years; William Biastoch and Ralph Reed, one year; William Proper, alternate. At subsequent meeting of the Board and Committees, officers were elected as follows: Thomas K. Garry, President of Board, J. Stanley Fillmore, Treasurer, Melvin Thuring Supervisory Committee Chairman, and John Galle Credit Committee Chairman. A 3.6 dividend resulted from last year's operations.

Warren F. Hamilton
Acting Superintendent

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